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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/809,564	Applicant(s) LEGRAND ET AL.	
	Examiner Eisa B. Elhilo	Art Unit 1751	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 and 27-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 and 27-45 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claims 1-25 and 27-45 are pending in this application.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-24 and 27-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dias (US 6,540,791 B1) in view of Riedel et al. (US 6,156,296).

Dias (US' 791 B1) teaches a hair bleaching composition comprising an oxidizing agents such as hydrogen peroxide, persulfates and bromates in the amounts of 1 to 6% which within the claimed ranges as claimed in claims 1, 9-11 and 27 (see col. 4, line 62 and col. 5, lines 1-34), wherein the composition further comprises cationic and nonionic amphiphilic polymers as conditioning polymers as claimed in claims 12-13 (see col. 15, lines 45-50), wherein the amphiphilic polymers present in the amount of 0.05 to 20% and 0.1 to 10% as claimed in claims 30-31 (see col. 15, lines 19-20), cationic polymers in the amounts of 0.1 to 10% which overlapped with the claimed ranges as claimed in claims 28-29 (see col. 15, lines 51-56), surfactants in the amounts of 0.01 to 50% which covered the claimed ranges as claimed in claims 14, 32-33 and 40 (see col. 9, lines 42-59), rheology modifiers (sodium alginate or gum Arabic) in the amount of 0.05 to 20% and 0.1 to 10% as claimed in claims 15 and 34-35 (see col. 15, lines 17-20 and 39), alkalizing agents (basifying agents) in the amounts of 0.1 to 20% which within the claimed ranges as claimed in claims 17 and 36 (see col. 7, lines 34-41), silicone as claimed in

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claim 18 (see col. 19, lines 1-67), solvents in the amounts of 5 to 99.98% which covered the claimed ranges as claimed in claims 37-39 (see col. 45, lines 1-19). Dias (US' 791 B1) also teaches methods for bleaching and/or coloring hair as claimed in claims 20-23 and 41-42 (see col. 31, lines 44-67, col. 49, lines 24-43 and col. 50, lines 1-5).

The instant claims differ from the reference by reciting specific formula of polyhydroxy carboxylic acids.

However, Dias (US' 791 B1) suggests the use of carboxylic acids in a hair bleaching composition (see col. 46, lines 54-67).

Riedel et al. (US' 296) in analogous art of hair bleaching formulation (see col. 10, lines 32-33), teaches a composition comprising α -hydroxycarboxylic acids that can be present in the form of their physiologically tolerated salts (see col. 4, lines 44-48), wherein the α -hydroxycarboxylic acids include galactaric (mucic) acid and galactonic acid that represented by the claimed formula (I) as claimed in 1-6 (see col. 5, lines 44-50) and wherein the acids are presented in the amounts of 1 to 10 % which within the claimed range as claimed in claim 7 and overlapped with the claimed range as claimed in claim 8 (see col. 13, claim 9).

Therefore, in view of the teaching of the secondary reference, one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would be motivated to modify the composition of Dias (US' 791 B1) by incorporating the carboxylic acids as taught by Riedel et al. (US' 296) to arrive at the claimed invention with reasonable expectation of success to care for the individual hair as well as improving the appearance of the hair and would expect such a composition to have similar properties to those claimed, absent unexpected results.

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2 Claims 25 and 43-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dias (US 6,540,791 B1) in view of Di La Mettrie et al. (US 6,254,646 B1).

 The disclosure of Dias (US' 791 B1) as described above, does not teach or disclose a method for permanently reshaping keratin fibers as claimed.

 Di La Mettire et al. (US' 646 B1) in analogous art of hair treating formulation, teaches a process for reshaping hair comprising the step of applying to the hair a reducing composition followed by applying an oxidizing composition as claimed in claims 43-45 (see col. 13, lines 9-19).

 Therefore, in view of the teaching of the secondary reference, one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would be motivated to utilize a reducing composition followed by a bleaching (oxidizing) composition for permanent reshaping the hair as taught by Di La Mettire et al. (US' 646 B1) and would expect such a process to have similar properties to those claimed, absent unexpected results.

 With respect to claim 25, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize a kit for permanent reshaping hair by separating the reducing composition from the oxidizing composition to arrive at the claimed invention because De La Mittre et al. (US' 646 B1) clearly teaches a reducing composition and an oxidizing composition which implies that the two compositions are separated from each other and thus, a person of the ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to keep the reducing composition and the oxidizing composition in the separate containers to arrive at the claimed invention.

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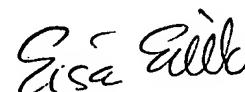
Conclusion

The references listed on from PTO-1449 have been reviewed by the examiner and are considered to be cumulative to or less material than the prior art references relied upon in the rejection above.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eisa B. Elhilo whose telephone number is (571) 272-1315. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F (8:00 -5:30) with alternate Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas McGinty can be reached on (571) 272-1029. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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